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SUMMARY. EMBASSY ASKS WHETHER IT IS STILL POSSIBLE, FOR FOREIGN COUNTRIES SUCH AS YUGOSLAVIA TO ENGAGE THE ASSISTANCE OF U.S. TECHNICAL AGENCIES ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS, IN THIS CASE TO DIRECT SURVEYS OF GEOTHERMAL AND SHALE POTENTIAL. ALSO PASSMUS INFORMATION ON U.S. TECHNIQUES FOR SURVEYING GEOTHERMAL POTENTIAL FOR TRANSMISSION TO YUGOSLAV SCIENTISTS. END SUMMARY.

1. OFFICIALS OF THE REPULICAN ENERGY COMMITTEE
BOTH IN CROATIA AND SLOVENIA TOLD SCIATT THAT THERE WERE GOOD
INDICATIONS OF EXPLOITABLE DEPOSITS OF GEOTHERMAL ENERGY AND
SHALE BUT THAT NO COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY HAD YET BEEN DONE IN
EITHER REPUBLIC. BOTH REPUBLICS ARE POOR IN THEIR ENERGY RESOURCES AND GIVE HIGHEST PRIORITY TO DEVELOPING THEIR OWN
ENERGY RESOURCES RATHERNTHAN RELY ON IMPORTS FROM OTHER
COUNTRIES OR REPUBLICS.

2. LATER IN A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF WAYS TO STIMULATE BILATERAL COOPERATION, JOINT BOARD PRESIDENT, PROF. PIRKMAJER SUGGESTED THAT NEW COOPERATIVE PROJECTS COULD BE SUPPORTED IN THE U.S. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AS WELL AS IN YUGOSLAVIA. SCIATT REPLIED THAT IT MIGHT BE

POSSIBLE FOR THE YUGOSLAVS TO ENGAGE A U.S. AGENCY SUCH AS THE USGS OR BUREAU OF MINES ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS TO SURVEY GEOTHERMAL AND SHALE OIL POTENTIAL. PIRKMAJER, WHO IS WELL CLUED IN ON SLOVENIAN POLICY PROBLEMS, RESPONDED ENTHUSIASTICALLY. INDEED HE WANTED TO PROPOSE SUCH COOPERATION IMMEDIATELY.

- 3. SCIATT PROMISED TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER, AND LEFT PIRKMAJER WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE SURVEY COOPERATION WAS ONLY A PERSONAL SUGGESTION REQUIRING FURTHER EXPLORATION. PIRKMAJER REQUESTED NOT ONLY THE PROSPECTS FOR SUCH REIMBURSABLE COOPERATION BUT ALSO INFORMATION ON AMERICAN GEOTHERMAL SURVEY TECHNIQUES.
- 4. COMMENT: WITH THE U.S. SPECIAL CURRENCY FUNDING OF THE BILATERAL SCIENCE PROGRAM SCHEDULED TO END IN TWO YEARS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO SHOW THE YUGOSLAVS THAT THE U.S. IS DOING WHAT IT CAN TO CONTINUE TECHNICAL COOPERATION -- WITHIN BUDGETING CONSTRAINTS. THUS WE PLACE IMPORTANCE ON ANSWERING PIRKMAJER'S REQUEST FOR AN INDICATION OF THE POSSIBILITY OF THE USG ASSISTING A YUGOSLAV SURVEY ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS AS WELL AS FOR IMFORMATION ON CURRENT U.S. GEOTHERMAL TECHNIQUES. SCIATT PLANS TO VISIT PIRKMAJER AGAIN IN APRIL. PLEASE ASSURE THAT THE INFORMATION COMES BY AIR AND NOT SEA POUCH. SILBERMAN

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